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Yes, we struck Pakistan but it is NOT an act of War, says Govt.

India's Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale addressing a press conference at New Delhi on the air-strikes carried out by IAF early this morning in Pakistan.

New Delhi, Feb. 26- India called the strikes on a Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) training camp located deep on Pakistani soil as 'non-military pre-emptive action.' In the first official briefing by a high ranking Indian bureaucrat — Foreign Secretary V.K. Gokhale — it was made clear that India carried out air-strikes to pre-empt further *fidayeen*-style attacks on India.

Vijay Gokhale said that the strikes were carried out on "the biggest training camp in Balakot", which he said was being run by Maulana Yusuf Azhar, the brother-in-law of JeM chief, Maulana Masood Azhar.

It isn't clear at this moment whether Maulana Yusuf Azhar himself was killed in the attacks carried out by India's Mirage 2000 aircraft.

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BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu

OUCH! I NEVER KNEW. FOR EVERY ACTION, THERE IS AN EQUAL AND OPPOSITE REACTION!
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Mysuru, Tuesday 26th February 2019

Monitoring Mysuru's Misfits

Addressing a gathering comprising representatives of business fraternity, both from India and many countries across the world at the Global Business Meet in the nation's capital last week, the land's Prime Minister didn't hide his pride in saying, despite the opinion expressed in some circles that India can never become a clean country, the nation's 135 crore people have demonstrated that it is well on its way to be totally free of garbage littered everywhere. The claim made before an international audience by none other than the nation's Prime Minister may set the law-abiding citizens of Mysuru wondering if he ever missed visiting the city after it lost the top rank as the country's cleanest city. Figures stated as so many hundred tonnes piling up in the city *every day* and reports of the civic body's herculean effort of processing the mass into valuable end products don't seem to have made any impression on the section of the city's population, the real *misfits* of the city given their incorrigible ways of littering all sorts of garbage across the city.

Narratives describing the image of Mysuru city in particular and the erstwhile Princely State of Mysore in general during the nearly five decades of reign of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar don't mention, even in passing, whether the city was bugged by the garbage menace unlike the present scenario. Maybe, the then Mysureans had imbibed on their own the rewards of keeping their environs tidy. That outlook has clearly taken a beating in our times.

The functionaries in Mysuru's civic body are trying many measures, particularly to *involve* the residents of the city spread over about 130 square kilometres (and expanding) in nearly three lakh households hosting about twelve lakh population to prevent the daily mass of garbage to be left uncared for. What proportion of the city's headcount has fallen in line to minimise the cost and effort of zero-risk management of the offending mass is anybody's guess. The civic body deserves to be given full credit for not relenting in the task. Even as the authorities zeroed in on the roadside traders and cleared the footpaths across the city by confiscating their means of livelihood, the action has not gone down well on the count of snatching the livelihood of about 5,000 families. In the meanwhile, other features of spoiling the beauty of the city are not showing signs of change, as a picture of empty liquor bottles and plastic remains strewn in the vicinity of the Deputy Commissioner's Office in a section of the press is testimony.

In sum, the measure of warning garbage-creating residents of the city and slapping penalty on offenders has not changed the dismal scenario for obvious reasons. Can anybody answer the question: Why do Mysureans, barring some sections, choose not to value tidiness of the living spaces? Those *misfits* of the city should be the target population to be monitored.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Negative events have a tendency to imprison our minds in their clutches for longer periods in sharp contrast to positive events that inhabit our memories for relatively shorter periods. It is always easy to condone the day-to-day minor wrongs we face, but the grave ones leave an indelible impact. By and large, traumatic experiences elicit two types of behavioural responses. Firstly, some people may choose to wallow in self-pity, nursing their wounds for a whole lifetime. Secondly, some may become embittered, cynical and vindictive. They tend to harbour deep-rooted grudges, blaming and cursing people and circumstances that they think are responsible for their misfortune. *— Geetika Jain in The Times of India.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's first computer generated news anchor

Beijing: State-run news agency, Xinhua, has unveiled its newest news anchor, Xin Xiaomeng, an ultra-realistic computer generated model powered by advanced AI technology.

Xin Xiaomeng introduced herself to Xinhua's viewers, announcing that she will make her debut in March. She was developed in collaboration with search engine Sogou, and her appearance and voice were inspired by those of a real-life Xinhua broadcaster named Qu Meng. The anchor spoke only in Chinese, and it's unclear if she'll be able to tackle English news reports as well.

The announcement of AI female news anchor comes just three months after the agency revealed two male versions, which have since presented over 3,400 news reports totalling over 10,000 minutes in length.

Stone arts of Stefano Furlani

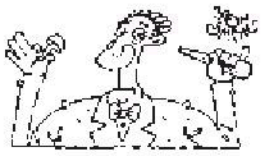
Rome: Italian artist Stefano Furlani creates amazing characters and scenes with stones carefully selected for their color, shape, and size, found by him and his son on the beach.

Stefano Furlani discovered this fascinating art form while playing with his son Davide on a beach, when he was three-year-old. They would scour the beach for strangely shaped stones and then assemble them into all kinds of shapes and designs, on the sand, under an umbrella.

As time passed and they both got better at this 'game', they started creating more and more intricate and detailed artworks using the stones, and at one point, Stefano started feeling disappointed that the artworks he and his son had worked so hard to create got washed out by the sea or trampled on by other people. So he started creating these stone compositions on hard canvases and preserving them as proper works of art.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Why is cooking some vegetables healthier than eating them raw?



With carrots, white mushrooms, spinach, asparagus and tomatoes, many of the nutrients are bound to other molecules. Cooking releases the nutrients from those molecules so that they can be more easily absorbed.

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Sampoorna Ramayana to be staged tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 26- Sri Lakshmidevi Krupa Poshitha Nataka Mandali, Mysuru, in collaboration with Department of Kannada and Culture, will be staging the drama "Sampoorna Ramayana" at 12 noon on Thursday (Feb.27) at Town Hall in city.

The event will be inaugurated by G.T. Devegowda, Minister for Higher Education, in the presence of Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji of Vangipura Nambi Mutt, Melukote. MLA L. Nagendra will preside.

The drama will be directed by noted Harmonium Master of Mysuru H.P. Nagendra Prasad.

The following are the drama artistes: Dasharatha - Dasappa of Lingambudhikere, Sri Rama - V. Venkatesh, Ravana - Muddanna Gowda of K.G. Koppal, Lakshmana - Muralidhar of Siddalingapura, Prahastha - Jagadish of Tumkur, Vibeeshana - Shivakumar, Kumbakarna - Boralinga of K.G. Koppal, Sumanthra and Jatayu - Viswakanth, Shurpanaki - Vasu, Lord Hanuman by Shivananju of K.G. Koppal, Maya Ravana - Dharmarathnakara of K.G. Koppal, Sugriva - Ananthu, Vasista and Vali - Kalaiah, Mantharay - Krishnappa of Tumkur, Bharatha - Basavaraju, Sitadevi - Chikka Rekha, Kaika and Mandodhari - Nirmala.

Costume and makeup by Sri Raja Rajeshwari Scenes, Mandya; Music by Nagendra Prasad Team, Tabla by Shivkumar, Clarinet by Dr. C.P. Krishna Murthi and Rhytham Pad by Sampath.

Kautilya Vidyalaya students qualify for National-level NTSE

Mysuru, Feb.26- Kaushik S. Nandan and S. Suhas, 10th standard students of Kautilya Vidyalaya, have passed the State-level National Talent Search Exam (NTSE) conducted by NCERT and are now qualified for National-level Exam. The NTSE is based on 10th standard Science and Social Science subjects and those who qualify in this Exam will be provided scholarship for higher studies in these subjects.

Really...?

- ***The Indian Constitution has also been hailed as one of the world's best Constitution because in 62 years of its adoption, it had been amended only 94 times. As of now, our Constitution has undergone a total of 100 amendments.***
- ***The concept of Five Year Plans (FYP) was taken from the USSR, and the Directive Principles (socio-economic rights) were taken from Ireland.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

I'm tired of my grandma! Whenever someone's wedding comes up, she says, *"Next is your turn."* ***So I've decided when someone dies I'm going to say,*** *"Next is your turn, grandma!!"*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs.71.15
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 93.47
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.37
1 Euro	= Rs. 80.85

VOICE OF THE READER

Do not check vehicles by blocking busy junctions

Sir,

Of late almost every other day we find Traffic Police conducting checks on two-wheelers at the junction of Hunsur Road and Gokulam Road. The cops station themselves right at this junction and the two-wheelers are forced to stop at the busy junction. This is causing a bottleneck for the free flow of traffic.

Vehicles coming from Hunsur road and turning towards Gokulam road are put into lot of inconvenience. Two-wheelers and Traffic Police block the turning and as a result free flow of traffic from Hunsur road to Gokulam road gets hindered.

There is ample space for the Traffic Police to conduct the checks little ahead of the junction on Gokulam road, which will not cause any hindrance for the free flow of vehicles. They conduct checks during peak traffic hours — may be to achieve their targets, but at the cost of causing immense inconvenience to the rule-abiding motorists.

—K. Chandrahas
on e-mail

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Eviction of Forest Families

Sir,

The news item in *SOM* dated Feb. 22 regarding eviction of 1.17 forest families is heartening to read as these families need to be rehabilitated with minimum facilities in a new place which is a more challenging task.

Most of these families might have developed certain bonding and evolved socio-cultural living in tune with forest environment. At the same time, considering the vulnerability of these families to adjust with new environment, the Central Government must provide immediate solution to protect these marginal community people. It is pertinent to note that, majority of these families must be belonging to Scheduled Tribe and they lack suitable platform to voice their grievances.

Since LS elections are on the cards, the Government must act quickly to safeguard the large families of STs from adverse effect of large vote base. Hope, policy-makers will protect the interest of these hapless community with policy intervention.

—Giriyappa Kollannavar
Jayalakshmipuram
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SAMRUDDHI 2K19: Tribute to martyrs

St.Joseph's bags Overall Trophy in Fest

Mysuru, Feb.26- Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda, who inaugurated SAMRUDDHI 2K19 - Commerce & Management Fest at TTL College of Business Management, Saraswathipuram, on Feb.22, also lit the candle to pay tribute to Pulwama martyrs.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister highlighted the importance of acquiring special skills during their formal education as it would lead to creating self - employment and make the students independent.

Prof. R. Rajanna, former Registrar, University of Mysore, presided. Mallesh Babu, Secretary & Trustee, TTL Trust, Prasad Toligowda, Trustee, Prof.H.N. Aswathanarayana, Executive Secretary, B.V. Prashanth, Administrator & Placement officer, Dr. M. Preethi, Principal, TTL College of Business Management, Prof. B. Basavegowda, Principal, TTL Independent PU College, Alumni Association members, Teaching, Non-Teaching Staff, M.Com, B.Com and BBA students were present.

The valedictory was held at the college premises the same day. His Holiness Kundeling Rinpoche Sumati Samudra, President, The Atisha Charitable Trust and Kundeling Monastery and Anitha Suresh, President, Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Central, were the chief guests.

Samruddhi Fest saw participation from more than 13 colleges across the city. St.Joseph's College won the Overall trophy of Samruddhi 2K19- Commerce and Management Fest while GFGC, Kuvempunagar won the Dr.K.L. Ramadas Memorial Music Competition Trophy.

The winners carried home mementos, cash prizes and certificates.

VVCE signs MoU with Coimbatore Institute

Mysuru, Feb.26- Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) signed an MoU with Coimbatore Institute of Technology (CIT) recently. VVCE was selected as the cluster centre in Karnataka for enhancing the teaching learning process through collaboration with CIT under the MHRD Funding scheme.

Dr. V. Selladurai, Principal of CIT and Dr. V. Manikandan, Professor of EEE Department and Project Coordinator, CIT Teaching Learning Centre, visited VVCE on Feb.10. The main objective of this MoU is to improve the teaching skills and also enhance domain expertise of faculty members of Engineering Institutions across geographical region by jointly organising short-term continuing education programmes on topics of mutual interest.

Gundappa Gowda, Hon. President, P. Vishwanath, Hon. Secretary, Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, Dr. Ashok Rao, Professor and Research Advisor, Dr. P.K. Umesh, Professor, Civil Engineering Department, VVCE were present.

Rs. 13 crore for development of Jaladarshini Guest House

Bengaluru, Feb. 26 (KMS& DM)- The State Government has given its nod for developing Jaladarshini Guest House premises in Mysuru at a cost of Rs. 13 crore.

The developmental works include construction of a 500-seat capacity modern auditorium at a cost of Rs. 10 crore, development of park and lawn in front of the Guest House at a cost of Rs. 2 crore and infrastructure development in the premises at a cost of Rs. 1 crore.

The Government approval came after Mysuru District Minister G.T. Devegowda held talks with PWD Minister H.D. Revanna.

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy will launch the development works at Jaladarshini Guest House when he visits Mysuru next for the launch of various development works in the city, it is learnt.

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2	Water proofing work in college buildings	Rs.4,98,000/-	Rs.12,450/-	Rs.590/- (Non Refundable)	15 days
3	Painting works at E&C, IS and ADFT blocks	Rs.4,76,092/-	Rs.11,902/-	Rs.565/- (Non Refundable)	15 days
4	Painting works at Administrative block	Rs.4,95,000/-	Rs.12,375/-	Rs.585/- (Non Refundable)	15 days

Date of issue of tender forms: **26.03.2019 to 10.03.2019**. Last Date for receipt of tender: **10.03.2019 upto 1.00 PM.** Date of opening of tender: **11.03.2019** (Separate tender forms are available for each work)
The decision of the Managing committee will be final in all respects.

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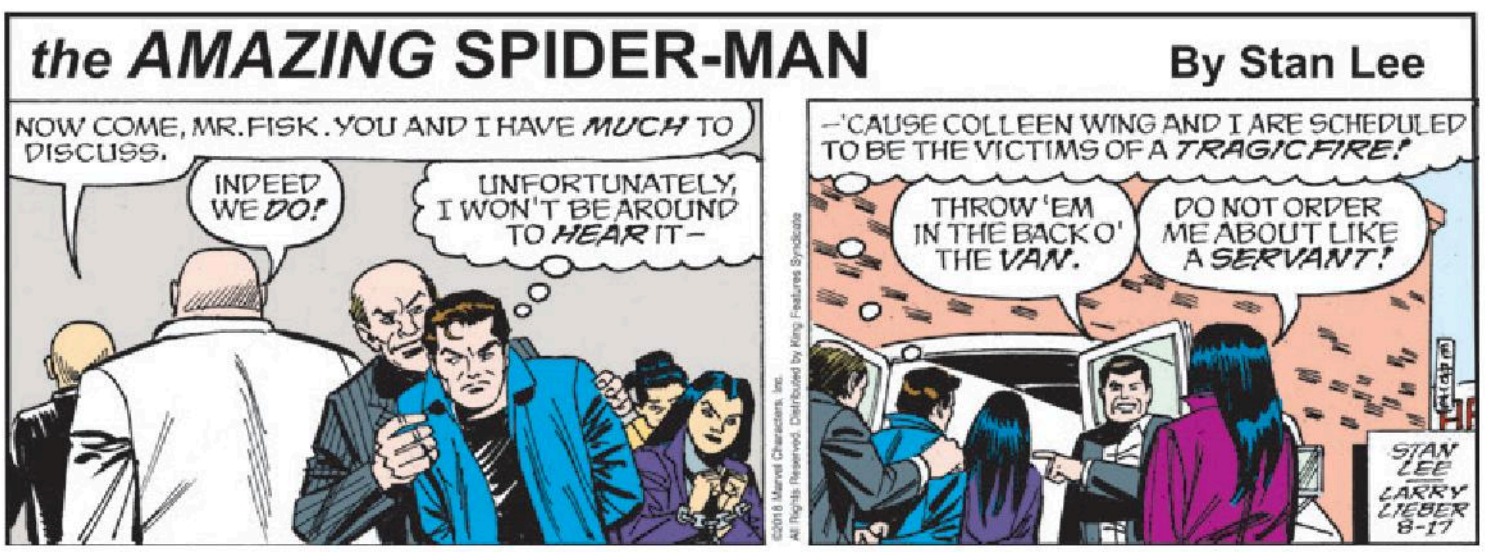
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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted from Feb.25 to 28 between 10 am and 9 pm in the following villages: Hura, Hullahalli, Doora and Nanjangud, according to a press release from CESC.

Senior Citizens Meet

The monthly meeting of Senior Citizens Forum, Raja Rajeshwarinagar, has been arranged at Nandi Circle premises, Kanakadasanagar, at 5.30 pm on Feb.28, according to a press release from Secretary R.M. Chetty.

Scholarships

Applications are invited for the award of scholarships from economically weak and merit students of Brahmin community studying in Degree Colleges and Polytechnics in Mysuru city. Interested may obtain the applications from the Secretary of Krishna Bai and Krishna Rao Charitable Trust and submit the filled in forms before Mar.23 between 7 am and 10 pm. For details, contact Mob: 86602-28604.

Homage to martyrs

Karnataka Janapara Vedike will be holding a condolence meeting at Gandhi Square tomorrow (Feb.27) at 10.30 am to pay homage to the martyrs of Pulwama terrorist attack, according to a press release from the Vedike General Secretary.

Discourse

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti has organised a discourse on 'Padma Purana' by Pt. Aniruddacharya Pandurangi at Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises in Jayalakshmipuram from Feb.27 to Mar.3 between 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm.

No meat sale

Slaughter houses and meat selling shops coming under MCC limits will be closed on Mar.4 on account of Maha Shivaratri.

Adoption of Zoo Animals

The following persons have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the Adoption Fee: Balaji Madaswamy, Bengaluru - Peacock (Rs.3,500); M.R. Deepika, Mysuru - King Cobra (Rs.3,500); Science Club, Gopalaswamy High School, Mysuru - Indian Rock Python & Black Crowned Night Heron (Rs.5,500); Abishek Narayan, Chennai - Mottled Wood Owl (Rs.3,500); Srinivas Ramanathan, Mysuru - Nilgiri Langur (Rs.10,000); J. Sharanya, Mysuru - Cockatiel (Rs.1,000); Gautham Dixit, Bengaluru - King Cobra (Rs.3,500), according to a press release.

Bandipur Forest Fire

Two IAF choppers spray 30,000 litres of water to douse fire

Fire dousing operation continues today

The two IAF helicopters, which were deployed to douse the raging forest fires in Bandipur, seen lifting water from the Nugu Dam.

Bandipur/ Mysuru, Feb.26 (MTY&KS)- The operation by two Indian Air Force (IAF) choppers to douse the raging fire in Bandipur Reserve Forest and adjoining Gopalaswamy Hill Forest range, which began yesterday afternoon and stopped after it got dark last evening, continued this morning, the sixth day of the raging fire.

Following the request by the State Government yesterday to the IAF to help contain the raging fire in Bandipur Tiger Reserve forest, the IAF which sent two helicopters (Mi-17 V5) for the joint operations have managed to douse the raging fire to some extent in Bandipur and Gopalaswamy Hill forest areas.

The two IAF choppers, which arrived at Bandipur yesterday morning and after a short discussion between the IAF officials and the Forest Department authorities, flew over the forest area and conducted a survey and also the availability of water nearby. After holding another round of discussions with the Forest officials, the IAF choppers began their operations.

After drawing water from Nugu Dam in 'Bambi Buckets' (a small water tank held by a cable to the helicopter), the helicopters flew over the raging fire and sprayed water.

Following the dousing operation by the two choppers, the raging fire at Moolehole Range in Bandipur has been completely doused. But the fire at Chammanahalla Range is to be doused, as the choppers stopped their operation following darkness.

An Air Force statement said "A total of 10 sorties have been flown by the two helicopters spraying approximately 30,000 litres of water to fight the fire in the region. After the day's operations, the helicopters have been positioned at Mysuru and will commence the fire fighting operations at sunrise."

Meanwhile, the State Government has placed a request with the Centre to send two more helicopters for the operation.

Case registered

Forest Minister Satish Jarakiholi, who is in Bandipur and supervising the dousing operations, told reports at Gopalaswamy Hill that a case has been registered against a person accused of igniting fire in the forest but refused to tell who that person was.

As of now, the Forest Department personnel have taken one Arulkumar of Kallipura into custody and are interrogating him, but it is not known whether a case has been registered against him.

Photos of burnt animals are not of Bandipur

Photos of animals charred to death, which are doing rounds in the social media following the horrific forest fire in Bandipur Tiger Reserve, are from different parts of the world, taken at different times and not of Bandipur.

The Forest officials said that the photos of a charred rabbit, monkey, snake and other animal, which are doing rounds in the social media projecting them as dead animals found in Bandipur, was fake. The Forest authorities have requested the public not to forward or pay heed to such fake news.

The authorities have stated that no wild animals were found dead till now due to the fire at Bandipur and surrounding forest areas.

Yaduveer urges public to help douse fire

Meanwhile, titular head of the Mysuru Royal Family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has urged the public through his *Facebook* page to extend their help in dousing the fire.

He has stated that he is pained to learn about the fire which has destroyed thousands of acre of forest land at Bandipur.

The Forest Department needs volunteers and hence the public should co-operate and help douse the fire, he has stated besides asking to send food items, water bottles, glucose powder packets, fruits, medicines and fire extinguishing materials to the check-post at the entrance of Bandipur.

Precautions were not taken: MP R. Dhruvanarayan

Meanwhile, Chamarajanagar MP R. Dhruvanarayan has said that, if the Forest Department had taken all necessary precautions earlier, this devastation of forests by fire could have been prevented.

Speaking to the media in Mysuru, he said that the Forest Department had not taken enough precautionary measures to prevent the fire which led to such major fire mishap and added that the truth behind it would come out only after a thorough probe.

Help forest staff

The Forest Department has urged the public, organisations and individuals to help the forest staff, Fire and Emergency Service personnel and volunteers, who are working day and night to control the fire, by providing fruits, water bottles etc.

Those willing to help can give water bottles, five litres water can, non-spicy packed food, fruits such as watermelon, banana, orange, sweet lime (Mosambi), grapes, apple, glucose packets, juice bottles, ORS (liquid), chocolates, biscuits, torch, masks, gloves and other such items.

A counter has been opened at the Mysuru Zoo gate facing Race Course and those willing to give the above things can deposit the items there and take a receipt for the same. A truck load of fruits, water and other items has already been sent from the Zoo to Bandipur on Monday.

Turning a blind eye...

Star of Mysore ***had carried a news item titled 'Cleanliness lesson to Mysureans from foreign woman' yesterday (Feb.25, 2019). The Israeli woman Daariya*** *(inset)*, ***along with a few local youths on Sunday, had collected garbage strewn in the Lake premises and placed it before the garbage bins in Kukkarahalli Lake, which is maintained by University of Mysore (UoM). It is three days and still the garbage in plastic bags continues to lie without being cleared. Sadly, added to this, there is more filth gathered in front of the garbage bags. Will the University authorities, without turning a blind eye, wake up at least now and see that the garbage is cleared on a regular basis?***

'Madhyama Ratha' embarks on publicity for 34th Journalists State Conference

Mysuru, Feb.26 (PM&NNN)- MPs R. Dhruvanarayan and Pratap Simha launched 'Madhyama Ratha,' a publicity vehicle for the 34th Journalists State Conference to be held at Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud here on Mar.1 and 2, at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, yesterday.

Pratap Simha, addressing the media on the occasion, said that the journalists who bring to light the insecurity and injustice meted out to the people in the society, themselves have to work in an atmosphere of insecurity. The Conference is a platform to try to resolve such issues.

"Earlier I myself have experienced the vagaries of the print media. I hope that the Conference will be a place to reflect the pains and anguish of the journalists and it will be a success," he said.

The Ratha, after passing through the main thoroughfares of the city, moved towards K. R. Nagar, Berya, Saligram, Chunchanakatte, Hosuru, Bettadapura, Periyapatna and reached Hunsur in the evening.

Today, it will pass through the main streets of Hunsur and then go to H.D. Kote via Gaddige and later pass through Saragur, Nanjangud, T. Narasipur where it will conduct publicity programmes.

Mysuru Traffic Police Assistant Commissioner G.N. Mohan, Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President C.K. Mahendra, office-bearers Kote Manju, Subramanya, journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, Information Assistant Director Raju and others were present.

Prakash Rai files defamation to gain cheap publicity

I have not received any warrant: MP

Mysuru, Feb.26 (PM&NNN)- Actor Prakash Rai just to gain cheap publicity during election time has filed a defamation case against me, but I have not received any warrant relating to this, said MP Pratap Simha. He was reacting to a question by the media after launching the 34th Journalists State Conference 'Madhyama Ratha' here yesterday and said that he was present right there and had not received any arrest warrant.

Pratap Simha

"My office staff had not brought to my notice the summons that had come from the People's Representative Court in Bengaluru asking me to appear before them. In the light of this, neither I nor my lawyers on my behalf had gone for hearing. Hence, the Court has directed the City Police Commissioner to make it certain that I appear before them on Mar.19. This is not an arrest warrant," he clarified.

"The Bandipur National Park has been deliberately set on fire. Otherwise, it is not possible for the forest to catch fire. The truth must be brought out in this incident," he said.

Youth arrested for shouting slogans in favour of Pakistan

Bharatinagar, Feb.26 (KS)- K.M. Doddi Police, following complaint, have arrested a 22-year-old youth for shouting slogans in favour of Pakistan.

Sadiq Kolla Islam

The arrested youth is Sadiq Kolla Islam, a native of Assam, who is working at a saw mill along with 20 others and it is learnt that Sadiq was heard shouting 'Pakistan Zindabad' four days ago.

On Feb.23, Sadiq again was heard shouting slogans in favour of Pakistan and one Karadakere Nagesh and his friends, who saw Sadiq shouting the slogans, informed the matter to Raghu Venkategowda, President of Asare Seva Trust, who along with his friends, went to the spot and told him to tell 'Bharat Maata Ki Jai.' Sadiq, who said the same, again shouted 'Pakistan Zindabad,' which angered Raghu and his friends, who caught hold of Sadiq and beat him.

They later lodged a complaint with K.M. Doddi Police, following which Sub-Inspector Ayyanagowda arrested the accused and produced him before a Court.

Derogatory comments on martyred soldiers

Tripura Police arrest youth

Mysuru, Feb.26 (YDS&KS)- Tripura Police, with the help of Mandi Police, have arrested a youth in city for posting the video of him making derogatory comments on the martyrs of Pulwama terrorist attack on social media.

The arrested youth is 24-year-old Pramesh Debberma, who is said to be working at a hotel in city.

Tripura Police, who had registered a case in this regard, arrived in city, took the help of Mandi Inspector Arun and arrested Pramesh.

He was produced before a Court, which remanded him to Police custody.

On Thursday morning, Tripura Police have taken Pramesh with them to Tiptur.

Attempt to murder girl student

Accused student to be suspended from college

Mysuru, Feb.26 (MK&KS)- A student of Yuvaraja's College, who had attempted to murder his classmate, after she refused his proposal following which an attempt to murder case was registered against him at Lakshmipuram Police Station, will be suspended from the college.

A decision in this regard has been taken by the University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar.

The accused student, identified as 21-year-old Rohit, a final year B.Sc student at Yuvaraja's College and a resident of Gundlupet, on Feb.15, had proposed his love to his classmate, who rejected it. Irked over her refusal to accept his proposal, Rohit had assaulted the girl using a blade besides assaulting her friend too, who came to her rescue.

Lakshmipuram Police had registered an attempt to murder case against Rohit. Following the registration of the case, the UoM has taken a decision to suspend Rohit from the College.

Obituary

C.S. Radhakrishna

Mysuru, Feb.26- C.S. Radhakrishna (Swami Manasa Datta), Secretary of Avadhoota Datta Peetham, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama, Mysuru, passed away on Feb.24. He was 67.

A bachelor, Radhakrishna leaves behind three brothers, a sister and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

A well-qualified and multi-faceted personality, he served the Ashrama for more than four decades. Apart from being a keen Administrator, he was a prolific singer and a Kriya Yoga teacher. He had accompanied Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiiji in numerous tours in India and abroad to spread the message of Sanathana Dharma as well as during the Meditation and Healing concerts.

He was instrumental in the establishment of various centres in abroad including a prominent role in the construction of 85 feet Karya Siddhi Hanuman Temple at Trinidad, West Indies.

1984 and compulsive contrarians

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

It's now two months since the Union Government issued orders that turned India into a surveillance State. Ten investigative agencies were authorised to "intercept, monitor and decrypt" all computer material kept by all citizens. The authorities justified it by saying that the rules were framed by the Congress-led UPA Government. That is a flop explanation because one iniquity does not justify another.

The scariest picture of a surveillance State was sketched in George Orwell's classic novel "1984" written in 1949. Looking 35 years ahead at that time was, for Orwell, like looking into a completely re-configured world because the war had just ended and Soviet Communism seemed poised to gobble a sizable chunk of the world. Orwell saw The Party, led by Big Brother and the Thought Police using media manipulation and advanced technology to control populations. Doublethink was common and Newspeak emerged as the lingua franca. Oceania, the country that emerged when the US devoured the British Commonwealth, Eurasia, constituted by the Soviet absorption of continental Europe, and Eastasia, that controlled all of the Far East were in perpetual war.

What Orwell feared didn't quite work out that way except that the superpowers got into perpetual war. But a more comprehensive version of the Orwellian nightmare took shape, quite unexpectedly, in India. Advanced technology has been at work for a while. Media manipulation and Thought Vigilantes became facts of life after 2014. Doublethink became a mark of nationalism, Newspeak the way to success. And now, Big Brother has officially declared that he is watching. A group of filmmakers in Mumbai said at a closed-door meeting that they feared being branded anti-national. Amol Palekar was stopped by on-stage officials of the National Gallery of Modern Art when he started to criticise some official policy decisions on art. An Ahmedabad college cancelled its scheduled speech by Jignesh Mevani, a former student, because of ABVP threats. The principal resigned in protest, realising no doubt that he had no role when The Thought Police thought all permitted thoughts.

It must have surprised Orwell that Stalinism, the hatred of which was the provocation for his novel, did not become the horror he feared. Stalin was repudiated by his successors and then forgotten. Strangely, the Big Brother concepts took shape in the very country with which Orwell was umbilically connected. (He was born in Motihari, Bihar, where his father was a British civil servant).

Did Orwell pick the year 1984 on a whim? British speculation centred around a Jack London novel in which a political movement comes to power in 1984 and a G.K. Chesterton story set in 1984. But the choice of the year proved portentous for the country he had probably forgotten by then, some calling it the year that changed India. Early that year, Indira Gandhi ordered the ill-advised military assault on the Golden Temple in Amritsar where Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale had sought refuge to escape from arrest. In October, Indira Gandhi was shot dead by her own Sikh guards. This was followed by anti-Sikh riots that killed an estimated 10,000 people. The year closed with one of the worst industrial disasters in history when poisonous gas leaked from the Union Carbide pesticide factory in Bhopal, killing 4,000 people outright and another 16,000 later. Did Orwell have some kind of a premonition about India when he picked 1984? Was some evil eye at work unseen?

The world Orwell conjured up might have been maniacal. But it was fictional. The India that emerges from the Home Ministry's surveillance order is all too real. It gives agencies like IB, RAW, CBI and even the Delhi Police Commissioner a blanket licence to access electronic information. A full week would pass for any restraint order to come if at all. This makes a mockery of the Supreme Court order that the right to privacy is integral to the fundamental right to life guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution. Why is the Government so jittery?

In an ideal world where people identify themselves with their government, the security of the State and the security of its people would be one and the same. Since the world is not an ideal one, some security systems are necessary. But no democracy has introduced an omnibus spying system of the kind India has put in place. What Delhi has revealed in the process is a "them and us" separation between the people and the Government. Why have the people of India become such compulsive contrarians, to use the phrase coined by Arun Jaitley, our impulsive disciplinarian.

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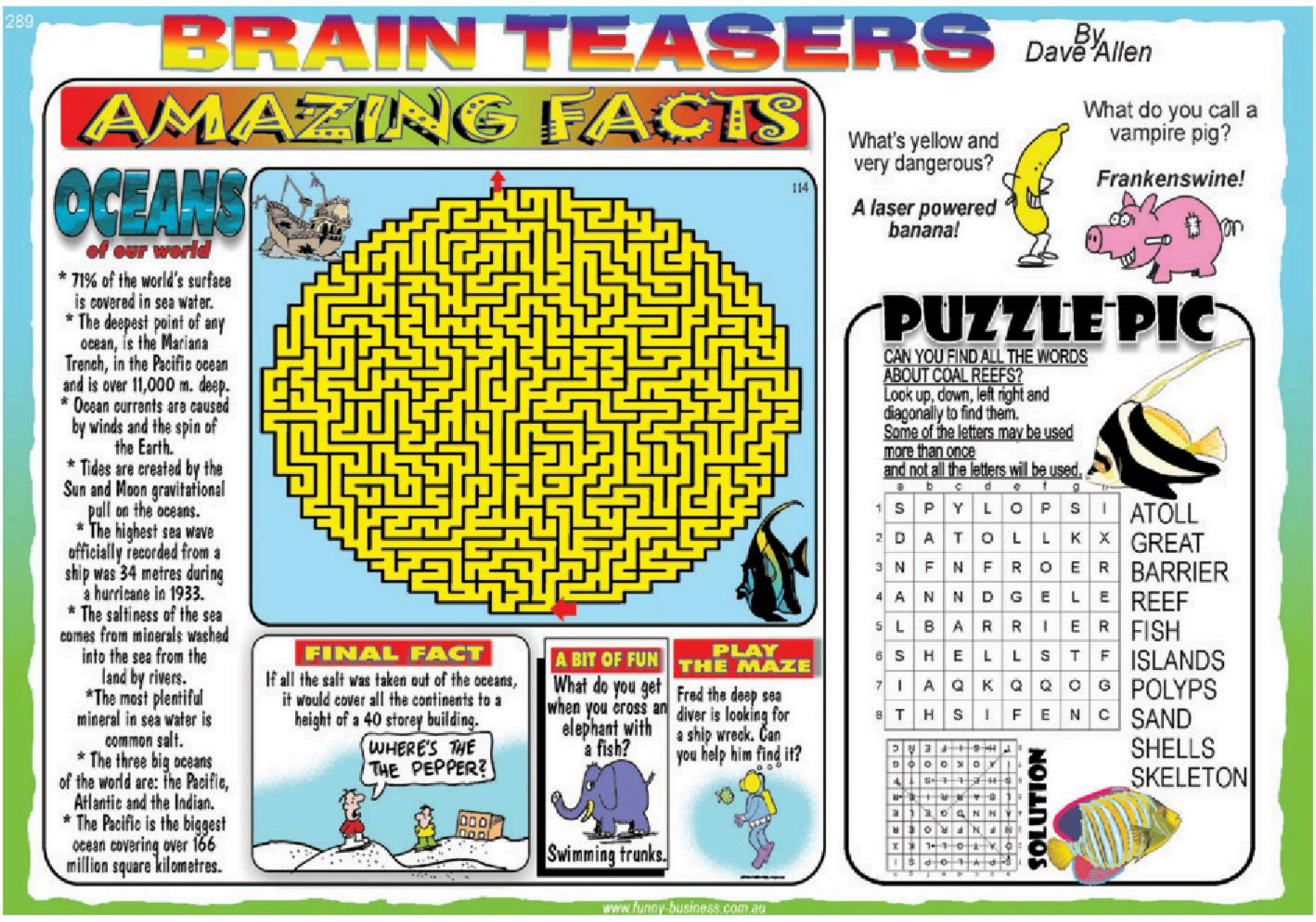
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BRAIN TEASERS
By Dave Allen
AMAZING FACTS
OCEANS
of our world
* 71% of the world's surface is covered in sea water.
* The deepest point of any ocean, is the Mariana Trench, in the Pacific ocean and is over 11,000 m. deep.
* Ocean currents are caused by winds and the spin of the Earth.
* Tides are created by the Sun and Moon gravitational pull on the oceans.
* The highest sea wave officially recorded from a ship was 34 metres during a hurricane in 1933.
* The saltiness of the sea comes from minerals washed into the sea from the land by rivers.
*The most plentiful mineral in sea water is common salt.
* The three big oceans of the world are: the Pacific, Atlantic and the Indian.
* The Pacific is the biggest ocean covering over 166 million square kilometres.
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FINAL FACT
If all the salt was taken out of the oceans, it would cover all the continents to a height of a 40 storey building.
WHERE'S THE THE PEPPER?
A BIT OF FUN
What do you get when you cross an elephant with a fish?
Swimming trunks.
PLAY THE MAZE
Fred the deep sea diver is looking for a ship wreck. Can you help him find it?
What's yellow and very dangerous?
A laser powered banana!
What do you call a vampire pig?
Frankenswine!
PUZZLE PIC
CAN YOU FIND ALL THE WORDS ABOUT COAL REEFS?
Look up, down, left right and diagonally to find them.
Some of the letters may be used more than once
and not all the letters will be used.
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1 S P Y L O P S I
2 D A T O L L K X
3 N F N F R O E R
4 A N N D G E L E
5 L B A R R I E R
6 S H E L L S T F
7 I A Q K Q Q O G
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Students demand speed-breaker

in front of Kuvempu Statue on Bogadi Road

Mysuru, Feb.26 (RKB&NNN)- The Bogadi Road in front of the Kuvempu Statue at the south gate entrance of Manasagangothri campus has been repaired and with road medians put, it is really wide. However, every day hundreds of vehicles pass on this road at great speed which results in minor accidents.

Hence, the students and employees of Manasagangothri have urged the authorities concerned to put up two road humps (speed breakers) on either sides.

The majority of the students, teachers and staff use the entrance from the Kuvempu Statue side, while in the other two gates near the SJCE campus and the road leading to Hunsur Road, the traffic is comparatively less.

The problem arises for the vehicles entering and exiting Manasagangothri from Kuvempu Statue side due to the density of the traffic and everyone is forced to have their hearts in their mouth to escape the tragedy that may occur.

Recently a girl student met with an accident when a vehicle hit her and again on Sunday (Feb.24) a few minor accidents have occurred. Hence, the students, staff and parents have urged for road humps and also traffic signals to cut down speed.

Inter-School Quiz contest winners

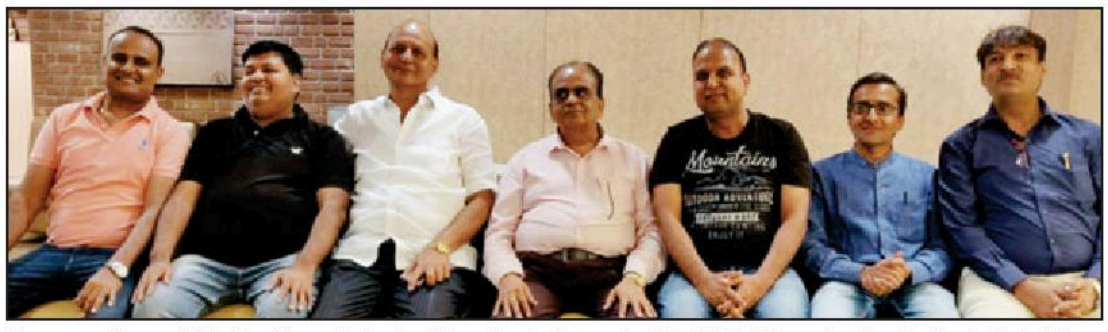
Mysuru, Feb.26- Columbia Asia Hospital, Mysuru, in association with Cardiological Society of India (CSI), Mysuru Chapter, conducted an Inter-School Health Quiz for the students of Class 8 and 9 in the city as part of the "Women's Heart Day" celebration.

The objective of the quiz was to educate young minds about the symptoms of heart diseases and sensitise them about the women's heart disease and the need to take care of one's heart by leading healthy lifestyle.

In all, 13 schools participated in the inter-school quiz competition with 44 teams and 88 participants. The audience included enthusiastic parents, teachers and students. The competition also had an audience round and prelims before the selection of 6 finalists for the stage round.

Dhyan and Suhas from Sadvidya School emerged as the winners followed by Likitha and Ishani from St. Joseph's School, Yelwal, who emerged as the Runner-Up for the quiz competition.

Elected as JITO Mysuru office-bearers



Seen are** (from right) **Goutham Salecha (Secretary), Deepak Jain (Chief Secretary), Prakash Dak (Vice-Chairman), Praveen Dantevadiya (Chairman), Kanthilal Jain (Vice-Chairman), Rajan Baghmar (Treasurer) and Goutham Lunkar (Joint Treasurer).

Mysuru, Feb.26- The following were elected as the Managing Committee members of Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO), Mysuru Chapter, for 2019-21:

Praveen Dantevadiya Jain has been elected as the Chairman while B.K. Deepak Kumar Jain as Chief Secretary; Prakash B. Dak and Kanthilal Jain as Vice-Chairmen; Goutham Salecha as Secretary; Rajan Baghmar as Treasurer and Goutham Lunkar as Joint Treasurer.

Others in the team include Directors: Bherulal Pitaliya, Chandragupta V. Jain, Prakash P. Gandhi, Manohar P. Sankhla, Ashwin Achha Dilip Kumar Gadiya, H. Kiran Derasariya, Vinod Bakliwal, Bhawarlal Lunkar, Shanthilal H. Jain, Prakash Lunkar, Jay Salecha, Jayesh Shah and Amarchand Dak, according to a press release.

CM to be felicitated in city on Mar. 1

Mysuru, Feb. 26- Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) will be felicitated in the city on Mar. 1 for announcing various development projects for the district in the Budget and for sanctioning the Rs. 545 crore Hale Unduwadi drinking water project.

HDK will be felicitated at a programme to take place at Maharaja's College Grounds at 4 pm on Mar. 1, in which District Minister G.T. Devegowda and Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh will take part.

Congress likely to get 18 and JD(S) 10 in pact for LS polls

Bengaluru, Feb. 26 (KMS&DM)- With Lok Sabha polls round the corner, the coalition partners in the State Government JD(S) and Congress are likely to seal seat sharing in a week with the Congress likely to get 18 seats and the JD(S) 10 seats.

As a first step in this regard, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy is flying to New Delhi this evening to hold talks with AICC President Rahul Gandhi.

The JD(S), which has reportedly asked the Congress for 12 out of the 28 Lok Sabha seats in the State, may ultimately get 10 seats while the Congress will contest the remaining 18 seats.

On Monday, JD(S) State President A.H. Vishwanath, KPCC President Dinesh Gundu Rao, Deputy CM Dr. G. Parameshwara and PWD Minister H.D. Revanna held talks on seat sharing at *Kumara Krupa* Guest House in Bengaluru, during which the two parties are said to have discussed strategies to win maximum number of seats from the State.

Speaking to press persons after the meeting between Congress and JD(S) leaders over seat sharing, Deputy CM Dr. Parameshwara said that the talks with the JD(S) was held as per the directions of the Congress High Command. The meeting discussed the poll strategy to be adopted for winning 25 out of the 28 LS seats from the State.

Maintaining that defeating the BJP was more important than the number of seats that coalition partners would share, the Deputy CM dismissed any confusion over seat sharing and the winnability factor was the sole criteria for fielding of candidates.

BJP's 'Kamala Jyothi Sankalpa' to be launched in city this evening

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (PM&DM)- MP Pratap Simha will launch 'Kamala Jyothi Sankalpa', a BJP campaign aimed at educating the public on all Central Government schemes, projects, programmes, plans, proposals and initiatives, near his residence in Vijayanagar 4th Stage at 6.30 pm today.

'Kamala Jyothi Sankalpa', a national campaign of the BJP ahead of the LS polls, will be formally launched in Bengaluru today and as part of the nationwide campaign, Pratap Simha will launch the campaign here this evening.

After the launch, the campaign will take place at booth-level in all booths coming under Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat in the coming days, during which the people will be sensitised on the Central Government projects.

PM-Kisan: Calling small farmers to register

Mysuru, Feb.26 (US)- The Union Government has launched 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi' (PM-Kisan) scheme under which small farmers owning less than two hectares of land would be paid Rs. 6,000 annually in three instalments of Rs. 2, 000 each.

The eligible farmers should register their names with Aadhaar number and land details at the nearest farmers facilitation centre, Bapuji Seva Kendra or Atalji Centre within a week.

The list of beneficiaries would be announced at the respective Gram Panchayat offices, according to a press release from the District Joint Agriculture Director.

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M. Shivanna, Ex. MP
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Kanakadasa nagar, Mysore.
Contact : 98681-26444

Rs. 5.20 crore surplus budget for MCC

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (RK&DM)- The MCC Budget (2019-20) presented at the MCC Hall this morning, saw the civic body take a look at various avenues for augmenting revenues.

MCC Taxation, Finance and Appeals Standing Committee Chairperson Shobha presented a Rs. 5.20 crore surplus budget (2019-20).

Reading out the budget, Shobha said the opening balance was Rs. 143.69 crore with receipts of Rs. 636.56 crore, totalling Rs. 780.25 crore, out of which Rs. 775.05 crore was for payments, thus leaving the MCC with a surplus budget of Rs. 5.20 crore.

Explaining the salient features of the budget, Shobha said the MCC expects a revenue of Rs. 157.25 crore through various sources and tax collections in the financial year 2019-20.

Pointing out that the MCC hopes to earn Rs. 78 crore from water and underground drainage maintenance taxes, she said that the MCC expects a revenue of Rs. 18.55 crore from building licences, road cutting charges, underground space rent, betterment taxes, water connection fee, UGD fee etc., Rs. 5 crore as trade licence fee and Rs. 3.71 crore as rent from commercial buildings owned by the MCC.

MCC Taxation, Finance and Appeals Standing Committee Chairperson Shobha presenting MCC budget (2019-20) at the MCC Hall this morning.

Noting that the MCC had expected a release of Rs. 50 crore out of the open funds from the State Finance Commission in the year 2018-19, Shobha said the MCC only got Rs. 22.93 crore by the end of December 2018 and it is expected that the Commission may release Rs. 34.39 crore by the end of March 2019, when the 2018-19 financial year comes to an end.

Highlighting the salient features of the 2019-20 budget, she said the MCC plans to introduce Photo Billing for water connections by replacing conventional billing, which was hitherto being practised and added that Photo Billing will bring in transparency in water consumption and meter reading. She announced the introduction of Automated Meter Reading for commercial and industrial water consumption and introduction of e-payment of water bills, which facilitates online payment of bills through BBPS (Bharath Bill Payment System).

Allotments

Continuing, she said that Rs. 10 crore will be allotted for development of vehicle parking lots at KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand and multi-level parking complex near Gaadi Chowka, which is expected to ease traffic movement, Rs. 2 crore for development of D. Devaraj Urs Road as per international standards, Rs. 10 lakh for *'Hasiru Mysuru'* project, that is aimed at planting 50,000 tree saplings at all open spaces and along roads coming under MCC limits, Rs. 15 lakh for development of a park in every ward of the MCC, under the Chief Minister's *Nagarothana* project, establishment of a theme park for promoting rain water harvesting and introduction of *Mysuru Yogalakshmi Yojana,* aimed at distributing Rs. 25,000 bond to every girl child born in government hospitals.

Care centres for disabled persons

She further said that the MCC has decided to establish care centres for disabled persons at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh, to be funded under the 5 per cent welfare fund for specially-abled persons.

Environment-friendly sanitary complex

The MCC has reached an understanding with the city's National Institute of Engineering (NIE) and National Institute of Urban Affairs for construction of environment-friendly sanitary complex at a cost of Rs. 83.51 lakh.

Rs. 25 lakh has been set aside under Swachh Mysuru project for installation of dust bins across the city and for public awareness campaigns on maintaining cleanliness and hygienity.

Setting up Green Shops

With an objective of making Mysuru a plastic-free city, the MCC will be setting up Green Shops. The MCC has set aside Rs. 1 crore for constructing a fully-equipped new swimming pool and Rs. 3 crore for development of Al-Badar Circle, Nanjumalige Circle and Mathrumandali Circle.

Cable-free road

In order to make a prominent road of the city cable-free as a pilot project, the MCC has earmarked Rs.1 crore for the same and Rs. 1 crore for developing the tank bund of Karanji Lake.

Compost units

The MCC has allotted Rs. 10 lakh in this year's budget for setting up compost units in the premises of prominent temples, parks and open spaces, Rs. 2 crore for setting of a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). Rs. 1.6 crore for power generation on waste to energy concept.

Sewage Farm as park

Also, the MCC plans to convert the Vidyaranayapuram Sewage Farm into a park, through scientific disposal of wastes through bio-remediation system for which Rs. 3.25 crore has been set aside.

The MCC also plans to replace stoneware pipes with HDPE pipes in UGD networks, the funding of which will be made through various grants received by the MCC, she said.

Tribute to martyrs

Prior to the presentation of the budget, the MCC observed a two-minute silence as a mark of tribute to martyred CRPF jawans. Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag and other officials were present.

'Handover Mysore Coffee Curing Co-op. Society to members for revival'

Members attend meeting wearing black badges

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (PM&KS) - The members of the Mysore Coffee Curing Co-operative Society (MCPCS), who are urging for the revival of the Society by cancelling its liquidation, participated in the meeting at the Society premises on KRS Road by wearing black badges this morning. The meeting is being held in the presence of Liquidation Officer J. Vikramraje Urs.

Mysore Coffee Curing Co-operative Society Hitarakshana Samithi President Mookonda Bose Devaiah, who submitted a memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister, Co-operation Minister and the General Manager of the Co-operative Department to the Liquidation Officer on behalf of the members has urged them to annul the Society's liquidation and handover the Society to the members for reviving it.

Devaiah said that, as the Society was in debts and the Liquidation Officer on June 23 and July 25, 2007, disposed off 1.20 acre of the 10.22 acres of land owned by the Society and cleared all the debts of the Society, thus freeing the society from all debts. A General Body Meeting of the Society was held on Sept.1, 2015 in Mysuru which was presided over by the Liquidation Officer and an unanimous resolution was passed at the meeting on reviving the Society. But the Liquidation Officer has not taken any measures for reviving the Society, he has alleged and has urged to annul the Society's liquidation and handover the Society to the members for reviving it.

Advocate K.B. Hemachandra and others were present.

Ram Janmabhoomi Case

SC to pass order on Mar.5

New Delhi, Feb.26- The Supreme Court will pass order on March 5 on the issue whether Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute be referred to court-appointed mediator.

The SC this morning took up for hearing the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case which has been impending for a long time now.

The hearing, which was supposed to be held late last month, was postponed due to the unavailability of Justice S.A. Bobde, who is part of the Five-Judge Constitution bench hearing the case.

CJI Ranjan Gogoi had on Jan. 25 announced a new bench to discuss matters pertaining to the Ayodhya verdict case since the case was earlier supposed to be heard on Jan. 29.

The decision to postpone the date of hearing from Jan. 10 to Jan. 29 was taken owing to Justice U.U. Lalit's exit from the hearing. Citing the reason behind his recuse from the hearing, Justice Lalit said he had been a lawyer in a related case.

PM holds high-level meeting

Prime Minister Narendra Modi holding a meeting with top Ministers in the Cabinet Committee on Security at his home in Delhi this morning to take stock of the situation. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, Minister of Defence Nirmala Sitharaman, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval and other top officials of the government attend the meeting.

New Delhi, Feb.26- Prime Minister Narendra Modi met top Ministers in his Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) at his home in Delhi amid reports that India had carried out pre-dawn air-strikes on terror camps across the Line of Control (LoC) early today.

Twelve Mirage 2000 fighter jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF) crossed the LoC around 3.30 am and dropped 1,000 kg laser-guided bombs on terror camps of the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), completely destroying them, reports quoting Air Force sources said.

Sources say the Prime Minister was briefed on the operation, what was achieved and the situation. Home Minister Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj were at the meeting, apart from National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval and other officials.

Sources said that the strikes were "100 per cent successful" and went on "exactly as planned."

Reports said Indian fighter jets have destroyed terror launch pads across the LoC.

India carried out the operation twelve days after 40 soldiers were killed in a terror attack in J&K's Pulwama. A suicide bomber of JeM exploded a car full of bombs next to a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) convoy. The JeM, which is led by Masood Azhar, had claimed responsibility for Feb. 14 attack.

Air-strikes by IAF significant if it is Balakote in KPK: Omar

Srinagar, Feb.26- Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said that one cannot possibly speculate on what will happen next following the Indian Air Force (IAF) strike across the Line of Control (LoC) as there was no information of the damage caused.

Omar Abdullah

"Unless we know which Balakote is being talked about by the Pakistani Generals it's pointless speculating about what we may have hit and what fallout the airstrike will have," Abdullah tweeted after Pakistan claimed that IAF jets crossed the LoC, and dropped a payload in haste before returning as the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) scrambled its war planes.

"If this is Balakote in KPK (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) it's a major incursion and a significant strike by IAF planes.

"However, if it's Balakote in Poonch sector, along the LoC it's a largely symbolic strike because at this time of the year forward launch pads and militant camps are empty and non-functional," he added.

The Vice-President of the National Conference (NC) also spoke of a possible fallout over the air strikes. "The problem now becomes Prime Minister Imran Khan's commitment to his country — 'Pakistan will not think about responding, Pakistan will respond'."

"What shape will response take? Where will response be? Will India have to respond to Pakistan's response?," Omar Abdullah asked, voicing his concern about what happens next. Abdullah's tweets came as the CCS was meeting at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's residence.

Rahul, Kejriwal salute IAF pilots

New Delhi, Feb. 26 (UNI) - The pre-dawn operation has drawn strong political support across the board.

Springing a surprise, Congress President Rahul Gandhi and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal were among the first this morning to applaud the air-strikes by the IAF across the LoC.

Rahul Gandhi *Kejriwal*

"I salute the pilots of the IAF," wrote Mr. Gandhi taking to micro-blogging site Twitter.

Kejriwal echoed the same sentiments, saying he was proud of the IAF pilots who have made the country proud by striking terror targets in Pakistan.

"I salute the bravery of Indian Air Force pilots who have made us proud by striking terror targets in Pakistan," Kejriwal tweeted.

IAF on highest alert, all 'Air Defence System' activated along IB & LoC

New Delhi, Feb. 26 (UNI)- The Indian Air Force (IAF) air defence system is fully activated along the International Border (IB) and Line of Actual Control (LoC) to thwart any retaliation from Pakistan, sources in Defence Ministry confirmed here.

IAF has conducted air-strikes at multiple targets in PoK and dropped 1,000 kg bombs destroying several terror camps by crossing the LoC.

According to sources, 12 Mirage aircraft were deployed in this successful operation and the IAF, for the first time, crossed the LoC.

The Air Force had not crossed the LoC during the 1999 Kargil war.

Pak terror camps BOMBED

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Without clarifying the number of casualties, Gokhale said that the strikes were carried out based on an intelligence-led operation "in the early hours of Tuesday, India struck the biggest training camp of JeM in Balakot. In this operation, a very large number of JeM terrorists, trainers, senior commanders and groups of *jihadis* who were being trained for *fidayeen* action were eliminated."

In what could be seen as a step in clarifying, to the international community at large, that the strikes were carried out only as means to defend India, that they should not be looked at as an act of war, Gokhale said, "the selection of the target was also conditioned by our desire to avoid civilian casualties. The facility is located in thick forest on a hilltop far away from any civilian presence."

Jaish, Gokhale asserted, was the terror group active in Pakistan for the last two decades, led by Maulana Masood Azhar, whose headquarters are based in Bahawalpur, Punjab province. "This organisation proscribed by UN, has been responsible for a series of terror attacks — the 2001 Parliament attack, the January 2016 Pathankot attack."

IAF destroys *Jaish* terror camps in a '20-minute pre-dawn strike'

New Delhi, Feb. 26 (UNI)- Avenging the Pulwama attack that claimed lives of 40 CRPF personnel and armed with 'free hand' green signal from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Indian Air Force (IAF) early this morning struck the terror bases in Pakistan and destroyed at least three terror camps run by Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM).

Sources said 12 Mirage jets carrying 1000 kg of bombs dropped it at various vulnerable camps. Camps at Balakot, Chakoti, Muzaffarabad were destroyed, sources said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a crucial meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) which was attended by National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval also.

Amid appreciation of the role undertaken by Indian Air Force in attacking 'terror camps' across LoC by former military officers, Pakistan army today said that the Indian aircraft "intruded" from Muzafarabad sector and also "released payload".

The use of phrase "released payload" suggests — there could be huge bombing — something which Pakistan will not admit if the impact is not big, say experts.

"Facing timely and effective response from Pakistan Air Force released payload in haste while escaping which fell near Balakot. No casualties or damage," Major General Asif Ghafoor, spokesperson of Pakistan Armed Forces claimed in his early morning tweet.

He also wrote: "Indian Air Force violated Line of Control. Pakistan Air Force immediately scrambled. Indian aircraft gone back".

An informed source called it a '20-minute pre-dawn strike' but declined to divulge details.

The actions from the Air Force come days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi had categorically announced that the armed forces were being given a 'free hand'.

Former military officers and defence experts say the impact has been huge.

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

Enriching Indian Culture

By Dr. V. Nagaraj

Vasundhara Performing Arts Center (VPAC) presented Rangapravesha of **Ruric Amari Rich** (USA) at Jaganmohan Palace auditorium, Mysuru.

Instilled with the necessary ingredients of Tanjavur Style, and being finely molded by the renowned and committed teacher, Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, she performed in a systemic and traditional fervor well-becoming of a seasoned artiste.

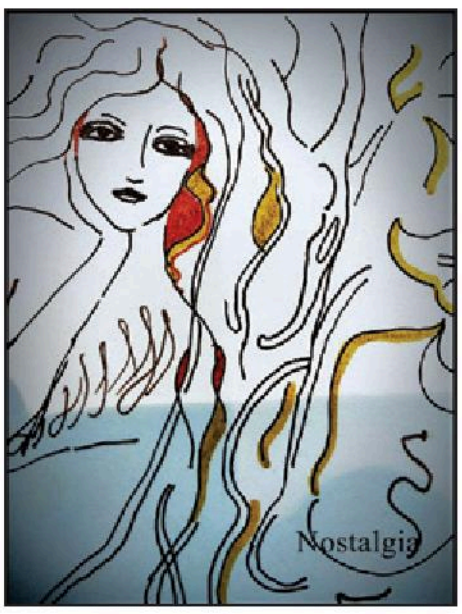
Rich presented melaprapti (chaturashrajati) in praise of Lord Ganesha, culminating in obeisance to the Guru.

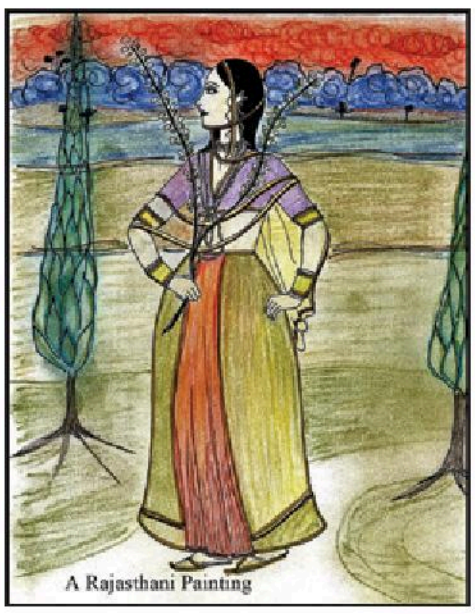
Nrityanjali is a modified version of alaripu. Addressing the Sun God, the artiste incorporated Suryanamaskara admirably.

Acid test of the competence of a Bharatanatya dancer is her performance of a varna. Rich exhibited refined artistry, emotive expressions, unremitting commitment and sustainable endurance in a padavarna, Kotipunyamu (portraying virahotkanthitanayaki) composed by SreedharanMundanghat. She commenced with charana and then progressed into the pallavi section. The nrittapassages, imparted sprightly momentum for the composition. Nritya sections emerged with finesse and softness.

Gajavadana Beduve (Shriranjani), Pogadirelo Ranga (Shankarabharana), Om Namah Shivaya (artistically incorporating yogasana-s like Vrikshasana, Kapotasana, Veerabhadrasana, Ushtrasana, etc.) and Tillana (Kapi) were other absorbing features.

Guru Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy (nattuvanga), **Deepti Shrinath** (vocal), **Thandavamurti** (violin), **Rakesh Susie** (flute) and **Hanumantaraju** (mridanga) accompanied the artiste.



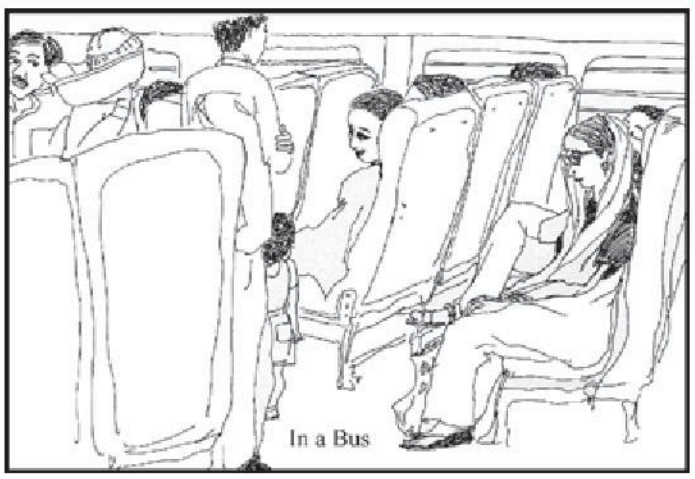


Gemma D'Alessandro, Artista Italiana, belongs to a rare group of artists who have a penchant for Indian art forms, Indian literature and theatre, including its deep, intricate and diversified culture. She is a mathematician, a photographer and an actress as well, from Milan, Italy.

Even with a piece of ordinary paper and any available pencil, Gemma, endowed with remarkable skill, imagination and vision, sketches with precision, and the strokes need no corrections or modifications. Portraits thrive on the enlivened eyes.

Gemma was in Mysuru before going to Kundapura, Udupi district, in pursuit of her studies on Religious Places of Worship with special reference to local Deities, very commonly worshipped in the coastal areas of Karnataka.

On behalf of *SOM*, Dr. V. Nagaraj spoke to Gemma at a dance concert in Mysuru where she was drawing pictures. Excerpts:



SOM: What is the purpose of your visit to Mysuru?

Gemma: Mysuru is the only place where I could explore my spiritual pursuits, to my satisfaction. I started with usual yoga, and now more interested in the spiritual aspects of yoga than its physical aspects, and now more into deeper studies on Pathanjala Yogasutra-s and other Darshana-s. I have been visiting Mysuru since more than ten years for this purpose.

SOM: Is your spiritual quest connected with study on lesser known deities?

Gemma: Yes. While I was studying Indian spiritual subjects I came to understand that there are Gods and Demigods existing in different planes of this creation, and they impart influences on all beings. My teacher calls it a spiritual ecosystem, where in all the beings in various spiritual planes interact among themselves directly or indirectly, and this creation continues in its various dimensions and manifestations. This prompted me to delve deeply into the study of these deities which are integral parts of Indian Culturo-spiritual milieu, irrespective of castes or creeds. I have also found that these aspects have crossed even the barriers of religions in India.

SOM: Since when you are into drawing?

Gemma: My first drawing was at the age of three. It gradually evolved with perseverance and encouragement. I belong to a family of singers since generations. My father's hobby in photography had strong influence on art drawings.

SOM: Do you have a teacher?

Gemma: I do not have a formal teacher in my artwork. It has always been intuitive and spontaneous. And it worked.

SOM: What is your specialisation?

Gemma: I do pencil sketches, pen sketches, water color and acrylic paintings. I am interested in street sketches, landscapes, portraits, monuments and architecture. I do wall paintings as well.

SOM: Your sources of inspiration?

Gemma: My first source of study is human emotions (with emphasis more on feminine sentiments). I like to connect emotions with the nature. After all, mind and emotions are inseparable from nature — we are not different from this cosmos, nor we are independent of it.

Indian mythology has a great influence on me in drawing various deities and temples.

SOM: What are your observation on Indian Culture?

Gemma: I have traveled many places in India, and there is life in every aspect of Indian culture. The people are lovable and hospitable, which is very rare in other countries. Though there are many religions, they strongly bear a common stamp of Indian culture. I found that the actual Indian society is very different from what it is being projected by many vested Indian and Western media: I can distinctly find more peace and harmony in India.

National Masters Table Tennis Tourney

Mysuru's Krishnamurthy completes a fine double

K.V. Krishnamurthy

Mysuru, Feb.26- Mysuru's veteran Table Tennis player K.V. Krishnamurthy, representing Karnataka in the National Masters Table Tennis Tournament in Indore from Feb.12 to 17, won the 80+ Men's Singles title.

In the 80+ Men's Singles event, K.V. Krishnamurthy beat Karnataka's K. Sathyanarayana 5-11, 11-6, 11-9, 11-6 in the final to clinch the title.

K.V. Krishnamurthy completed a fine double by also clinching the Men's 80+ Doubles title. In the final, Krishnamurthy, teaming up with K. Sathyanarayana, beat A.N. Bharghava and Satish Puri (UP) 11-4, 11-7, 11-5.

In the Men's 75+ Singles, Dr. Sainath Iyer from Mysuru lost in the final to H. Oberoi 9-11, 11-9, 7-11, 8-11 and finished runner-up.

RESULTS

Men 80+ Singles (Finals): K.V. Krishnamurthy(KNT) bt K. Sathyanarayana (KNT) 5-11,11-6,11-9,11-6; **Semi-finals:** K.V. Krishnamurthy (KNT) bt S. Krishnamurthy (KNT) 11-8,11-2,11-7, K. Sathyanarayana (KNT) bt V. Natarajan (TN) 11-6,11-7, 6-11,11-5.

Men 80+ Doubles (Finals): K.V. Krishnamurthy & K. Sathyanarayana (KNT) bt A.N. Bharghava & Satish Puri (UP) 11-4,11-7,11-5.

Men 75+ Singles (Finals): Dr. Sainath Iyer (KNT) lost to H. Oberoi (CG) 9-11,11-9, 7-11,8-11.

Medal-winning Karate and Boxing Champion

N. Madesh

Mysuru, Feb.26- N. Madesh, a final year B.Com student of TTL College of Business Management, Mysuru, has bagged medals in the following Karate and Boxing Championship by representing India:

In the 24th Asian International World Funakoshi Shotokan Karate Organisation (WFSKO) Karate Championship held at Mumbai on Feb.9 and 10, Madesh secured Bronze medal in Individual Kumite under 21-30 years age category.

In the Indo-Nepal International Boxing Championship 2018-19, conducted in association with Sports & Education Lumbini, Nepal, at Lumbini, Nepal, from Jan.18 to 20, he has secured Gold medal in Senior category.

In the Championship organised by All India Zendokai & Karate Association, in association with World Karate Federation, Karate Association of India (KAI) & International Olympic Committee (IOC), recognised by Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India, at SAI Stadium SAG Centre, Kokrajhar, BTC, Assam, from Oct.21 to 23, 2018, he has secured Bronze medal under Senior category.

The 21-year-old is the son of A.P. Nithyananda and B.V. Sowbhagya of Kollegal.

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Hamleys of London opens its first store at Forum Mall in city

Mysuru, Feb.26 (KS)- Toys are not just playthings but they play an important part to shape the development of children. While toys are playthings for kids, they are memories for adults.

Hamleys of London, which has been The Finest Toy Shop in the World bringing magical experiences and joy to children of all ages for 258 years, has made its way with the launching of its first store at Forum Mall on Hyder Ali Road in city.

Hamleys' rich history began with William Hamley, a Cornishman from Bodmin, England. William Hamley dreamed of the best toy shop in the world when opening his toy shop at Holborn, London in 1760.

With over three thousand products on display, the store offers an amazing selection of toys from much loved home-grown brands and a range of in-house branded toys that include its signature teddy bears, toy soldiers, wooden toys, bath toys and much more.

Prominent animated characters such as Tom & Jerry, Peppa Pig, Minions, My Little Pony and others are all friends of the brand. Fun props and fixtureswithin the shop, enhance the vibrant environment to create an experience where children are encouraged to play with toys.

Hamleys is known for a unique in-store magical experience it provides to both children and parents. The new store promises to take that experience a notch higher and set a benchmark for the upcoming stores.

The Hamleys experience has always been about its unique brand of theatre and entertainment, transporting families through a world of imagination and discovery. It is for this reason, that the toy shop has been a pioneer in introducing the most popular international characters to India through exclusive meet and greet events and live demonstrations at stores.

Hamleys, in India, has grown to be recognised as a trend setter for new and magical experiences for children. The brand has 77 stores spread across 30 cities in the country and is only growing.

L&T develops school infrastructure

Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti and Amit Kumar seen handing over the school project by giving the model of a key to Udbur School Head Mistress Umadevi as others look on.

Mysuru, Feb.26 (KS)- Larsen & Toubro (L&T), Mysuru Campus, had organised a function to inaugurate the school infrastructure it had developed under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative at Government High School in Udbur recently.

Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti, Principal of Police Training School, Mysuru and Amit Kumar, Business Unit Head, Metering & Protection Systems, L&T, Mysuru Campus, jointly inaugurated the function.

In her address, Dr. Dharanidevi lauded the CSR projects taken up by L&T to improve the education at rural areas and added that industries were doing true service by implementing CSR.

She expressed her happiness over the development of Science Labs and installation of RO drinking water unit at schools and called upon the students to make use of the facilities and also maintain it for other students.

Amit Kumar, who also spoke, asked the students to come forward in life besides stating that L&T was ready to serve the society with high spirit and called upon the students to make use of the facility.

During the year 2018-19, L&T has developed six Government Schools at Udbur, Hanchya, Huyilalu, Pillahalli, Hale Kamanakoppal and Hosa Kamanakoppal and 10 Anganwadi Centres in Mysuru rural engaging Mykaps as implementing partner. Major activities taken up were construction of class rooms, setting up of Science Laboratory, inter-lock paver blocks, levelling of school playground, construction of compound and toilets, painting the walls with science models and installing RO drinking water units.

On the occasion, School Infrastructure at Udbur, Pillahalli, Hanchya and Huyilalu were officially handed over to the school administration.

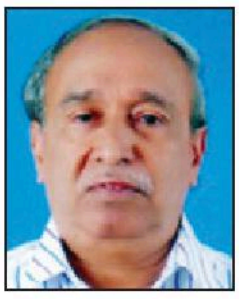
Joint Director of District Industries Centre D.K. Lingaraju, Assistant General Manager, Administration & Plant Engineering, L&T K. Nagaraja, Executive Director of Mykaps William D'Souza, ZP Member Premakumari Mahadevaswamy, Udbur GP President Jayamma, Udbur Government High School Head Mistress H. Umadevi, teachers Sanjay and Vasudeva Murthy and others were present.

7th Anniversary of The Quorum

Mysuru, Feb.26- *The Quorum Hotel* here is celebrating its 7th anniversary from Feb.22 to 28 by offering 50% discount to all their guests on their lavish buffet (both Lunch & Dinner) with a special theme 'Kebabs & Curries' being served for dinner, with live cooking stations. It is also offering 25% discount on both Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic Beverages from 11 am to 11 pm. There will also be a live band on this special occasion.

Reconstruct Devaraja Market & Lansdowne building keeping the 'heritage' facade

"Chief Minister must not fall into the trap of heritage mafia," says a retired Chief Engineer, who had worked for a Multinational Construction Company



By Prof. N. Narayana Sastry,
Professor of Town Planning
(retd.) & Urban Planner

Lansdowne Building

Mysuru city is witnessing a great debate on preservation of heritage structures, particularly Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building. While on one side Heritage Specialists argue to safeguard the structures, the Development Experts voice their concern about the safety of users and efficient use of space in the Central Business District (CBD). These are the points for consideration.

What is Heritage?

Heritage (both cultural and natural) forms a significant resource for a city which needs to be part of the development process. The urban cultural heritage of a city includes both tangible and intangible elements. This comprises archaeological sites' remains, ruins and monuments protected and unprotected, natural and man-made water systems, ghats, ponds, bazaars, streets, chowks etc. Intangible resources are the way people live/lived, living space, practices, traditions, performing arts literature etc. Mysuru city has both tangible and intangible heritage resources in addition to natural heritage resources. Mysuru city is unique to be blessed with natural resource like Chamundi Hill which is an excellent backdrop for the city and contributions of our rulers in the past to add cultural heritages in the forms of buildings, promoting arts and literature.

In this context, the city has acquired Heritage Tag and accordingly the Central Government sanctioned JnNURM (2005-2012). The concerned citizens of Mysuru, in association with the State Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Department, identified and prepared a list of around 230 buildings for preservation and conservation. The list includes Government, semi-Government and Private buildings. Government has a say as far as its property but cannot directly intervene in private buildings. Incidentally, Mysuru city does not have a single ASI (Archaeological Survey of India) monument within the City Corporation limits.

The two buildings under discussion in city are only listed as heritage structures but do not have any legal sanctity. At most they come under State Archaeology for maintenance but the question is: Are they doing anything? Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building are the properties of the City ULB — Mysuru City Corporation.

Let me come to the point, that no doubt these two buildings are nearly centuries old so also many houses in Agraharas in the city are also century-old. The Market was built to cater to the needs of the city and it was planned to meet the basic requirements of the city with limited population. People were happy up to 1990s to visit and get the fruits and fresh vegetables in addition to other household goods. Lansdowne Building was basically to cater miscellaneous services like book shops, services like typing etc. In fact, this building housed up to 1970 a Middle School and I happened to be the old student. **Both the buildings are allowed to be used, disused, overused and misused.**

Devaraja Market was planned for a limited use and as seen in the past, there was enough space to freely move around to buy your fruits and vegetables. Today it houses nearly three times the sellers and vendors — legally rented and illegally sublet shoppers.

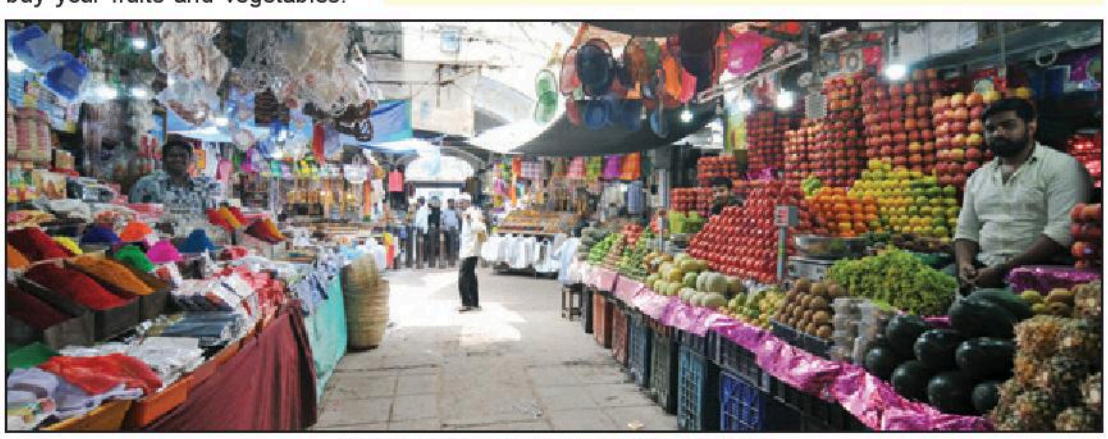
Demolition or Preservation?

Firstly, the Market does not have capacity to accommodate the present on-going business. Secondly, it cannot hold many people particularly the days preceding the festivals and fairs. Imagine if there is a disaster like collapse of the part of the building (happened in the past), fire or any unforeseen disaster, does it have an escape exit to ensure the safety of the people during the peak business hours? In 1980s, there was a fire accident in the market due to short-circuit but the fire tenders could not do much as they have no entry point or even to access water to douse the fire.

I would like to ask the Heritage experts what architectural features, unique building facades, domes or even the building materials worth the heritage the Devaraja Market has for preservation? Their concern is fine to preserve the Heritage buildings but not at the cost of life. They are comparing these two buildings with Mysore Palace. The Palace has a number of unique architectural features and it is better maintained thanks to the income generation and its utilisation in maintenance. To me, the two buildings have outlived its utility in serving the requirements of the city, but some people visit as they have no choice to get their requirements under one roof at the cost of safety.

Two incidents of collapse of the building on the Northern side and South Eastern sides should be considered as a caution sign as far as the safety or carrying capacity of the Market. If any disaster happens, who will be held responsible? Heritage experts will not come into the picture at all. Therefore, the decision of the City Corporation to demolish the structures and build a new one on the same architectural features is justified and people of Mysuru should support it. There may be conflicting reports by two Committees, but final decision rests with the MCC. Today, 75% of the people do not come to the Market by walk, they come on two or four-wheelers and where is the space for them to park the four-wheelers and sometimes even the two-wheelers do not find parking space. According to me, the space in the CBD is not efficiently put to use to recover the value of the costly land. There is demand for the space to sell the daily and weekly requirements but also space for professionals besides space for parking of vehicles.

Inside the newly-constructed market, the space earmarked for different products should be in keeping with the modern requirement, not the old design.



A fruit market inside Devaraja Market.

New City Law Court buildings are good examples

What Next?

The Revised Master Plan for Mysore Planning Area has already dealt with this issue and suggested for Redevelopment (Reconstruction). In many cities like Delhi, Chennai and Bengaluru, this type of Urban Renewal has taken place and it has resulted in decongestion and better utilisation of the space. Technology and building materials are available to redesign and to reconstruct/redevelop both Devaraja Market and also Lansdowne building. We have experts in Karnataka who can redesign keeping all the architectural features like elevation on all sides with appropriate colours to look the same. In Devaraja Market, there is a slope of about 7 to 8 feet from North to South and the basement could be designed for vehicular parking without any hassles, ground floor and part of first floor for the present users/tenants and part of the first floor to be rented for Professionals like Lawyers, Medical professionals (only Consultants), Architects, Business Advisers and Chartered Accountants.

These groups not only keep the space in good condition but also ready to pay the Market rent. The Special Regulations under RCDP 2031 stipulates only G+2 and therefore the redeveloped market will not cross the current height. I would even urge the MCC to go for Public-Private Partnership. The developers should adhere to the basic features of the Market and MCC is only letting the space and redevelopment by private party on any one of the PPP models of BOT/BOOT.

Lansdowne Building area has limitations for parking but shops and professional space could be created and the present occupants will be ready to pay the rent with the entire road to be made a Pedestrian Mall.

Farmers, officials engage in heated exchange of words at Reshme Krishi Mela

Irate ryots say support price for silk only in speeches not in action

Ministers S.R. Mahesh, G.T. Devegowada, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath and others at the Reshme Krishi Mela organised by CSR&TI at its premises in city on Sunday.

Mysuru, Feb.26 (NNN& MTY)- There was heated exchange of words between the silk growers and the officials at the Sericulture Farmers' Reshme Krishi Mela and Award Ceremony held at the Central Sericulture Research and Training Institute (CSR&TI) premises in Srirampura here on Sunday. Even as Central Silk Board Chairman K.M. Hanumantharayappa started highlighting the importance of Sericulture Farming and how it brought remunerative prices to the farmers at a function organised by CSR&TI and Department of Sericulture, the farmers participating in the programme, upset with his statement, raised objections.

In raised voices the farmers said that it was due to the irresponsible behaviour of the Government and officials that farmers were put to severe hardship. The farmers are not able to recover the costs incurred growing Sericulture crops. It is only in speeches that silk cocoon is a profitable venture, they charged.

Farmer Shivaraju, who had come from Bhadravathi to attend the Reshme Krishi Mela, said that he was also a silk farmer and to grow one kg of silk, it costs approximately Rs.270. "We have to pay a fee of Rs.30 to sell it. It costs Rs.300 a kg. If the efforts of the family who are also involved in silk farming are included then the cost touches Rs.400 a kg. However, we get just Rs.318 a kg. How can one survive on this? Farmers are not getting support price for the crop. No Government has worked in the interest of the farmers. If the silk farmers' interest has to be protected then at least Rs.450 per kg Support Price has to be given," he urged.

Another farmer, echoing Shivaraju's sentiments, said: "silk is being imported from China. As a result it is affecting the local farmers. The silk growers are not getting suitable price in the country. The Governments should stop importing silk and introduce policies to encourage the local farmers."

Ramanagaram's Ramakrishna said that those who are running chat centres have built three-storey buildings, whereas those growing silk continue to stagnate. Silkworm eggs must be distributed by the Department itself and it should not be given to private players, he insisted.

Ministers inaugurate: District Minister G.T. Devegowda inaugurated the Sericulture Exhibition and Sericulture Minister S.R. Mahesh inaugurated the Sericulture Farmers' Reshme Krishi Mela.

Speaking at the interaction session between Sericulture scientists and Sericulture farmers, Hanumantharayappa said that Sericulture Farming is profitable provided one uses proper equipment and modern technology methods. The Government provides subsidy and other facilities, he added.

Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed, Central Silk Board Member K. Mudde Gowda, Sericulture Development Commissioner K.S. Manjunath, CSR&TI Director Dr. R.S. Teotia and others were present.

Expo draws attention: Sericulture farmers visiting the exhibition were provided information on silk worms only food, the mulberry leaves and research and latest developments in Sericulture. They were also told about the pest attack on mulberry and control of diseases. The nearly 30 stalls in the exhibition also showcased the research on Bivoltine Sericulture technologies for higher returns by CSR&TI and the equipment that were being used.

AWARDS TO FARMERS

The following progressive farmers were distributed awards on the occasion: **Woman Silk Growers:** C.V. Veeramma (first), Devamma (second), Kotramma Sangappa (third); **Men Silk Growers:** K.N. Jayarama Reddy (1st), Srinivas (2nd), Manjnuath (3rd).

Mysuru's Silk Growers: Murthy Naik (1st), Revanna Siddaiah (2nd), Bevinaguddaiah (3rd);

Bivoltine Silk Growers: H.R. Krishnamurthy (1st), H.C. Mohan (2nd) and S.S. Doddegowda (3rd).

Cocoon Breeders in Traditional Growing Areas (Cottage Basin): Varadaraju (1st), N. Sampath (2nd), S.K. Chand Pasha (3d); **Multi-end:** Lakshmamma (1st), H. Rangaswamy (2nd), N. Govindaraj (3rd); **Self-propelling reeling unit:** Syed Azam (1st) and Syed Mohammed (2nd).

'War against Cancer' campaign
'Arogya Mysuru' free health check-up camp held

Mysuru, Feb.26 (RKB&US)- As part of the campaign 'War against Cancer' launched by MLA S.A. Ramdas, the 7th free 'Arogya Mysuru' health check-up camp was organised at CITB Choultry in Siddarthanagar here on Sunday. About 2,400 people of Ward 52 and 53 were screened for various ailments.

Doctors and paramedics of K.R. Hospital, Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology, Apollo BGS Hospital, Narayana Hrudayalaya, DRM Labs, Kamakshi Hospital, Kidwai Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru, JSS Dental Hospital, Farooqia Dental Hospital and Government Ayurveda and Natural Medicine Hospital participated in the camp along with others.

A well-equipped bus of Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru, with ultra-modern cancer screening equipment was also deployed. The people were screened for heart ailments, diabetes, hypertension, orthopaedic, skin, dental and gynaecological problems. People needing vision corrections were provided spectacles.

Sanction letters of Government Social Security Schemes like pension for widows, disabled, old age people and aid from CM's Relief Fund for treatment of major diseases were distributed to the beneficiaries.

Jayadeva Hospital, Mysuru Medical Superintendent Dr. K.S. Sadanand, K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. Srinivas, Cheluvamba Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. Dilip, Farooqia Dental College Chief Dr. Taj Mohammed Khan and Kurubarahalli Primary Health Centre Medical Officer Dr. Naveen were felicitated on the occasion.

MLA S.A. Ramdas, Corporators Chayadevi, Roopa Yogish, B.V. Manjunath, AYUSH Doctors Lakshminarayan Seethalakshmi, Dr. Ashwath of Annapurana Eye Hospital, former Deputy Mayor Vanitha Prasanna and others were present.

CM to launch Rs.5,000 crore development works in Mandya district on Feb.27

Tourism Minister performs 'Guddali Puja' for development of Temples

Chinakurali (Pandavapura), Feb.26 (CAL&US)- "The Government has taken the responsibility to develop ancient temples under the aegis of Tourism Department," said Minister for Tourism S.R. Mahesh.

He was speaking after performing 'Guddali Puja' for the development of Deviramma Temple at Gummanahalli and Sri Rameshwara Temple and Sri Anjaneyaswamy Temple in Chinakurali on Sunday.

Mahesh said that Rs.1.91 crore had been released for the renovation works of the three temples.

Speaking on the occasion, District Minister C.S. Puttaraju vowed to develop Melukote Assembly constituency. He said that Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy would arrive in Mandya on Feb.27 and launch Rs.5,000 crore worth of development works in the district which include irrigation schemes, drinking water supply to all villages, UGD works, road repairs, filling of lakes, constructions of check dams.

He added that the CM would distribute loan-waiver confirmation letters to 1.12 lakh farmers. About 50 new cars would also be distributed to beneficiaries under the self-employment scheme.

Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Member C. Ashok, Taluk Panchayat (TP) Member C.S. Gopal Gowda, Gram Panchayat (GP) President Varalakshmi Somashekar, Vice-President Nagaraj, Assistant Commissioner V.R. Shailaja, Tahsildar D. Hanumantharayappa and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Sequester

Pronunciation: sih-KWESS-ter

Meaning: To set apart : segregate; to seize by authority of a writ.
Origin: Sequester first appeared in English in the 14th century. The word derives from Latin sequestrare ("to hand over to a trustee") and ultimately from secus ("beside," "otherwise"), which is akin to Latin sequi ("to follow"). In this relationship, we can trace links to words such as sequel, sequence, consequence, and subsequent, all of which convey a meaning of one thing following another. These days, we most frequently hear sequester used in legal contexts, as juries are sometimes sequestered for the safety of their members or to prevent the influence of outside sources on a verdict. In a different sense, it is possible to sequester property in certain legal situations.
Example: The reality series will feature ten celebrity contestants who will be sequestered in a haunted mansion for twelve weeks.
"Typically, a judge makes the decision to sequester a jury, often when there is risk that outside interference could affect a juror's ability to be fair and impartial or when there are heightened security concerns." — Lydia Wheeler and Morgan Chalfant, The Hill, 20 Aug. 2018.

THE ODD WORD

Alcazar

A Spanish Palace or Fortress

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A foot in the door

Meaning: An introduction or way in to something, made in order that progress may be made later.

Origin: The early uses of the term 'putting a foot in the door' are straightforward literal ones. It may just describe someone who steps over the threshold of a property, or someone putting a foot in the door in order to prevent it from closing and so continue a conversation. An early example of the latter comes in the American poet and playwright George Boker's work Plays and poems, 1856:
"And he sang to his gittern of love and of war - With one foot in his stirrup and one in her door."
We now use 'foot in the door' in a figurative sense, with a similar meaning to 'the thin end of the wedge'. It was the technique of jamming a foot in the door to prevent it closing, used by door-to-door salesmen and political canvassers, that gave us this figurative use of the term.

QUOTE BOX

Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.

—George Washington Carver

RIDDLE THIS

Round like an apple, deep like a cup, yet all the kings horses cannot pull up. What is it?

Answer: A well.

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8			2	9	4			
		6						
		3		7			2	

Answer to previous puzzle

8	6	5	3	7	9	2	4	1
1	3	7	4	5	2	9	8	6
2	9	4	8	6	1	7	5	3
5	2	6	7	9	4	1	3	8
7	4	8	5	1	3	6	2	9
9	1	3	2	8	6	5	7	4
6	5	2	1	3	8	4	9	7
3	7	1	9	4	5	8	6	2
4	8	9	6	2	7	3	1	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

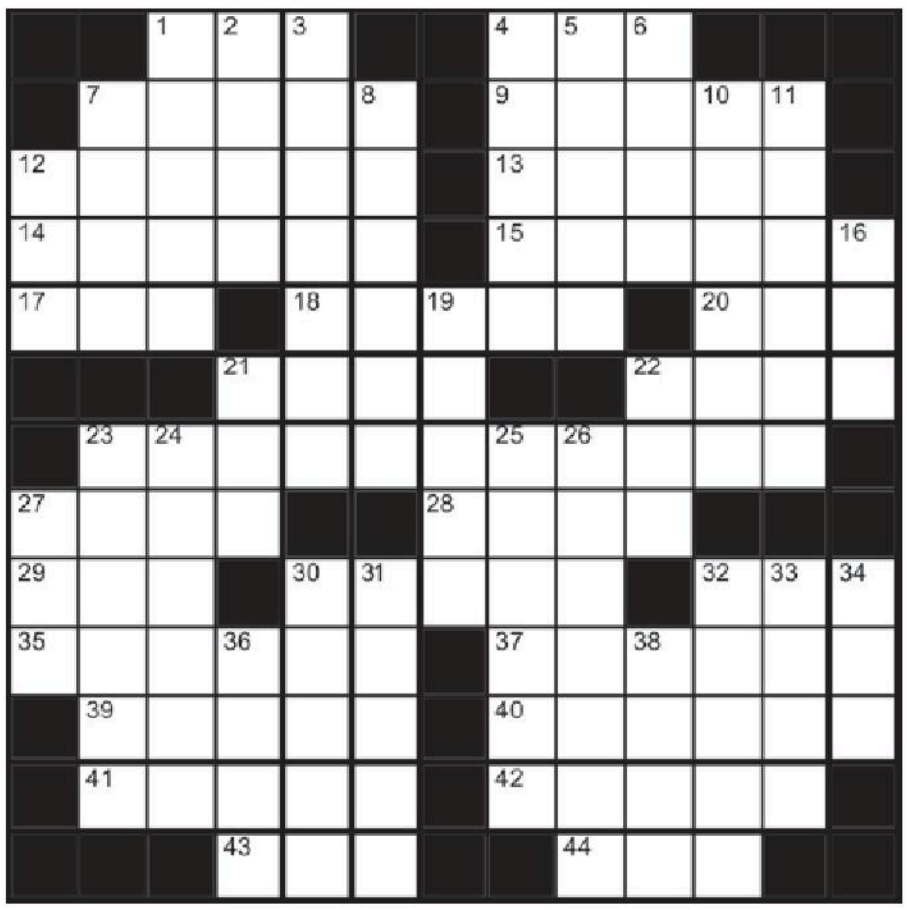
1 Section of a journey or a race
4 Acc. Standards Board
7 Amjad Ali Khan's forte
9 North Sea floaters
12 ___ seeds : peas, beans, etc.?
13 Hittite whose wife was coveted by King David
14 Free from an obligation
15 A mountain range especially in Spanish
17 Scottish port - "ray" anagram?
18 Made from a type of hardy cereal - "a note" anagram?
20 Ex-Opening batsman Shiv Sunder __
21 ___ and ___ a person (same word) : so-and-so?
22 Neck hair
23 Indian wrestler who won a bronze medal at the 2016 Olympics (6,5)
27 Group of people
28 Reduced Instruction Set Comp.
29 Introduction to Latin
30 Go bad or get spoilt
32 Thin flat organ on body of a fish
35 Deal with, control
37 Mark of new driver (1-5)
39 __ __ ruins : be overthrown or fallen? (3,2)
40 Musical studies
41 Small island
42 Added clause
43 Inertial Navigation Sys.
44 Large sea fish

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

W	A	D	E		I	M	A		S	A	D	E
A	B	O	V	E	P	A	R		V	E	R	A
G	E	T	A	L	O	N	G		E	R	A	S
			D	A	D		O	O	L	O	G	Y
A	D	E	E	M		K	N	I	T			
D	A	B	S		D	I	A	L	E	C	T	
M	M	R		V	I	R	U	S		L	O	C
	P	O	L	E	C	A	T		R	A	N	D
			A	L	T	N		L	E	P	E	R
L	A	M	B	D	A		L	U	G			
A	G	I	O		T	O	U	R	I	S	T	S
G	U	R	U		O	N	C	E	M	O	R	E
S	E	A	R		R	O	Y		E	D	I	T

DOWN

1 Beer brewed for keeping
2 Hooded plant?
3 Pretentious, bombastic
4 Treat badly
5 Canary's kin - "risen" for a change?
6 A kind of soft, ripe cheese
7 Exciting carnal desires?
8 Unfasten or separate or remove from
10 Irish policemen
11 Grew less or diminished
12 Meadow or grassland
16 Suffix for enzymes
19 Between second and fourth
21 The heavens
22 Mem of the Leg. Council
23 Mogadishu native
24 Handsome young man
25 He grinds corn and give us flour
26 Free from germs
27 Expression of disgust or contempt
30 The ___ : famous Sci-Fi horror movie?
31 Depressions on the surface
32 Lost colour
33 Road to Rome - "tier" anagram?
34 Not elsewhere specified, abbr.
36 Food store in short?
38 A board game



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ODQ ZGDR QNK ZPCC DSNKR RGX RXI HNLLDIFLXIRO,

QNK LKOR DCZDQO HNLX SDHA RN RGX JCXDODIR

WDHR RGDR RGXMX DMX NICQ RXI NW RGXL

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If it weren't for Philo T. Farnsworth, inventor of television, we'd still be eating frozen radio dinners.

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	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Bell Bottom	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Natasaarvabhowma	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Seetharama Kalyana	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Chambal	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Kalbettada Darodekoraru	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Total Dhamaal	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
MA Pass	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
NTR-Mahanayakudu	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Dhilluku Dhuddu-2	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows

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Chambal (K)	(S-1)	10.35 am; (S-2) 4.30 pm
NTR-Mahanayakudu (Te)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Natasarvabhouma (K)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-1)	7.05 pm; (S-2) 1.45 pm
Gully Boy (H)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-2)	10.30 am, 6.55 pm
Mr. & Ms. Rowdy (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Yaarige Yaaruntu (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Kalbettada Darodekoraru (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Kodathi Samaksham Balan Vakeel (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Total Dhamaal (H)	(S-4)	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm

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		4.15 pm, 9.50 pm
URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-4)	10.35 am
	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Total Dhamaal (H)	(S-2)	10.55 am, 1.40 pm,
		4.25 pm, 7.10, 9.55 pm
Chambal (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
	(S-1)	7.25 pm
Striker (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Kalbettada Darodekoraru (K)	(S-4)	7.15 pm
NTR - Mahanayakudu (Te)	(S-3)	9.40 pm
Kodathi Samaksham Balan Vakeel (Ma)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

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Mr. & Ms. Rowdy (Ma)	10.40 am
Striker (K)	12.20 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	1.45 pm, 7.10 pm
Natasaarvabhowma (K)	3.10 pm
Gully Boy (H)	3.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Chambal (K)	4.40 pm
Kodathi Samaksham Balan Vakeel (Ma)	6.30 pm
LKG (Ta)	9.45 pm
Kumbalangi Nights (Ma)	10.00 pm

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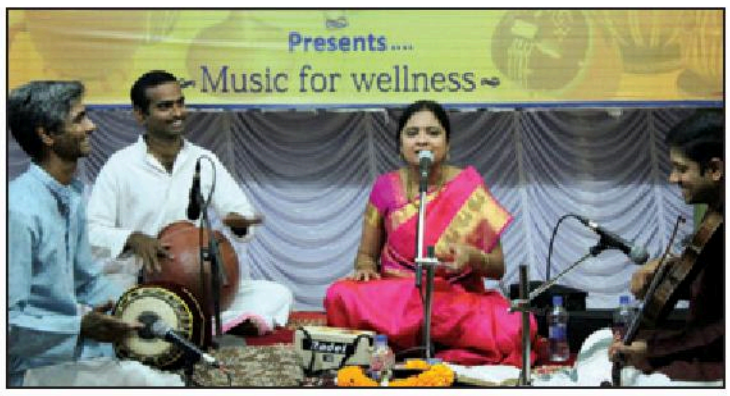


Vidushi Koviladi Archana's concert at Raaga Music Academy's monthly concert on the 16th of February at Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre in Kuvempunagar was a befitting tribute to the great parampara she upholds.

Granddaughter of *Haridasa Sahitya Ganarathna* Koviladi Rangarajan and an ardent disciple of Guru Koviladi R. Kala, Archana exhibits the deep-rooted tradition in her singing while providing her own unique touch in her manodharma. Archana was ably supported by Vid. B. K. Raghu on the violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on the mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on the ghata.

Commencing the concert with the ever popular Varna in Raga Kalyani set to Attatala, Archana set the mood amongst the audience. The quick pace and the rhythmic patterns of the chitteswara were captivating. The next to follow was Vallabha Nayakasya, a composition of Muttuswamy Deekshitar in raga Begade. Next was a short alapana in raga Malayamaruta followed by the krithi Manasayetulothunae, a composition of Saint Thyagaraja. The neraval at Kalilo Rajasa Tamasa was very soulful.

Saint Tyagaraja's subtle message "In this Kaliyuga, instead of wasting time associating with men of sloth and lethargy and those who are engaged in worldly activities all the time, you should adopt the pleasant way of devotion and redeem yourself" was beautifully brought out by Archana. Shyama Shastri's Kamakshi Bangaru in Varali and Yaavakulavu Tiliyalaagadu by Purandaradasa followed in quick succession.

Archana took up the main piece of the evening with a detailed rendition of Bhairavi Ragam. Muttuswamy Dikshitar's masterpiece Balagopala followed. This composition was aptly decorated with neraval at Neela Neerada Shareera. The violinist B.K. Raghu stood out throughout the concert with smooth bowing. A lovely dialogue of creative patterns in kalpanaswaras between the artistes, all of them infusing energy on to the stage was evident.

Vid. Radhesh and Vid. Manjunath excelled in a dialogue of percussions during the Tani Avarthanam. The soft gentle strokes of the instruments while the vocalist sang and the brisk rhythmic patterns in different arithmetic combinations during the taniavarthanam were well-appreciated by the audience.

Focus of the concert was a Raga Tana Pallavi set in raga Brindavana Saaranga. The raga and the tana were beautifully presented. A notable feature of the Pallavi was the tala in which it was presented. Trimukhi Tishra Triputa Tala as it was called, consists of two sets of arithmetic combinations in one cycle. Archana's presentation of the Pallavi was scholarly. It was a delight for the raskias to watch the tala and listen to the pallavi as it unfolded.

The lyrics Ranga Sriranga Pandaranga Sadayapanga Satsanga composed by Vidushi Archana herself, was befitting. Kalpanaswaras in Ragas Hamsadhwani, Ranjani and Kaanada were well presented. The percussionists decorated the ending of the rendition, structured in a rather difficult tala, with a brisk mohara and mukthaya.

A soulful Tungateeravirajam on Sri Raghavendra Swamigalu, a composition of Kamalesha Vittala Dasaru was next on the list. The concert ended with a Thillana in raga Madhuvanthi composed by Lalgudi Jayaraman.

Archana has a great voice capable of modulations at all octaves. She is surely a fine vocalist who is ready to experiment on new concepts while remaining grounded to tradition. Raaga Music Academy needs to be commended for organizing concerts by artists of highest calibre.

Prior to the concert, Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy, Director, Prajna Kuteera, interacted with the audience during a talk on Healthy Living through Ayurveda and Yoga. Guru Vidushi Koviladi R. Kala has been training numerous students in Karnatak Classical Music. Her disciples had also organised a Guruvandana during this concert which was well-attended.

—Raghunandan Vyasa Rao

EVENTS TODAY (FEB.26)

Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies, University of Mysore (UoM) and Abhiruchi Prakashana, Mysuru: Book release — Ammaiah Shekar's 'Nadiya Aadi' — by critic Prof. O.L. Nagabhushanaswamy, poet Prof. Mahadeva Shankanapura speaks about the book, writer Prof. K. Sumithra Bai chief guest, KIKS Director Prof. N.M. Talwar presides, former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan sings, B.M. Sri auditorium, KIKS premises, **3 pm.**

Sri Shivarathreeshwara Mahila Samaja and Chutuku Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru District Unit: Chutuku Kavi Goshti and felicitation ceremony, Parishat-Central Committee State President and former MLC Thontadarya inaugurates, Anveshana Seva Trust President Dr. MGR Urs presides, Parishat Hon. President Maddikere Gopal chief guest, Parishat Mysuru District Unit President Chutuku Siri Ratna Halappa Gowda will be present, felicitation to Prof. Pramila, Mamatha Suresh and Shashikala Subbanna, Sri Shivarathreeshwara Mahila Samaja, JSS Women's College Hostel, 2nd Main Road, Swimming Pool Road, Saraswathipuram, **4.30 pm.**

Ganabharathi and Raasavrunda School of Dance: 'Narthana Namana' programme in memoy of Saraswathamma, Mohiniyattam by Kerala's Dr. Kalamandalam Rachita Ravi, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

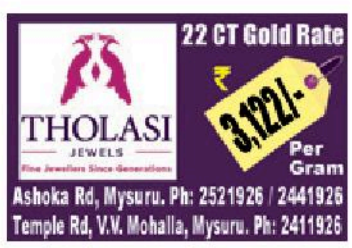
Rangayana, Mysuru and Prasara Bharati of Mysuru Akashavani: 'Ranga Banuli' programme, the play 'Amma' will be aired, [An adptation of Vishnu Prabhakar's Hindi work; Translated by Parvathi G. Ithal; Producer: Dr. B.M. Sharabhendra Swamy], Sriranga auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB.27)

Karnataka Janapara Vedike: Meeting to condole the death of soldiers in Pulwama Terror Attack, Gandhi Square, **10.30 am.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti: Discourse on 'Padma Purana' by Pt. Aniruddacharya Pandurangi, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Kumaravyasa Gurukula and Kavyaranjani Sabha, Krishnamurthypuram: Saraswathi Bai Memorial Programme, 'Kumaravyasana Karna' Vaachana by Vidu. Samudyata - Sagara and Vyaakhyaana by Vid. Prof. K.R. Krishnaiah - Sagara, #1315/2, Haripriya 3rd Cross Road, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**



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